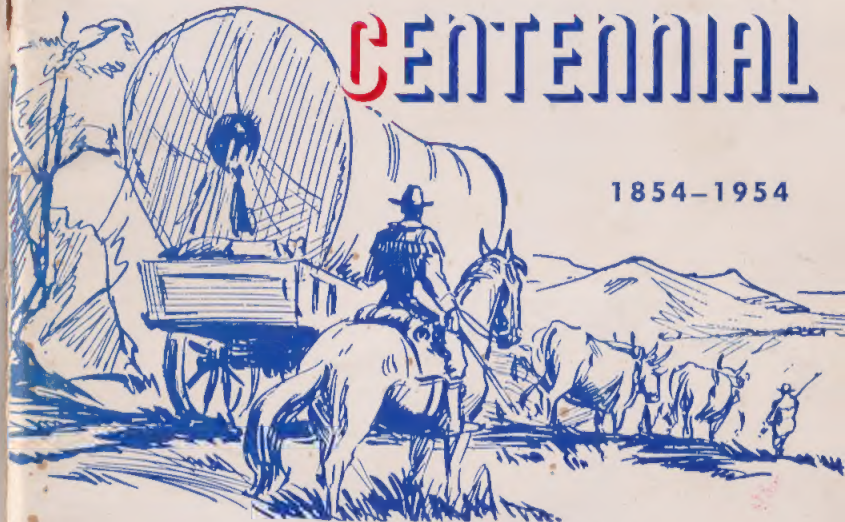


PROGRAM AND HISTORY BOOKLET

MAPLE PARK CENTENNIAL

1854-1954



MAPLE PARK, ILLINOIS

JULY 8-11

50¢

OUR FIRST HUNDRED YEARS





**LOWE'S
COUNTY LINE
TAVERN**



Dancing

***The Finest Bands Available
for Your Dancing Pleasure***



MAPLE PARK - - Phone 2251

Program and Events

THURSDAY, JULY 8

- 6:30 P. M. Kids' Races
7:30 P. M. Selections by Kaneland School District Band
8:00 P. M. Opening Ceremonies
Mayor Glenn Kahl and Centennial Chairman,
Fred Arens
Main Speaker—Mayor Paul Egan of Aurora, Illinois
8:45 P. M. 75-Piece Largent Accordion Band from Aurora,
Illinois.

FRIDAY, JULY 9

- 6:30 to 9:30 P. M. Contests and Entertainment furnished with the
Courtesy of the Pure Milk Association.

SATURDAY, JULY 10

- 2:30 P. M. Entertainment, Featuring WLS Artists.
4:00 P. M. Kids' Parade
7:00 P. M. WLS Artists
8:45 P. M. The Bushmen and Belles Parade. Judging will be
conducted during the parade, with the awarding
of prizes for beards, and the crowning of the King
and Queen, to be held at the Centennial Ball which
will start at 9:45 P. M. Judges will be Mayor
and Mrs. Clayton Pooler, Mr. and Mrs. Algot Mo-
line, of DeKalb, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew
Grossen, of Plato Center, Illinois, and Mr. Harry
Neubert, of Plano, Illinois. The King and Queen
will be in the parade Sunday.

SUNDAY, JULY 11

- 9:30 A. M. Mass at St. Mary's Church.
10:30 A. M. Centennial Union Worship Service at High School
Gymnasium, sponsored by Wesley Bible Class of
the Maple Park Methodist Church, in co-operation
with Churches from Lily Lake, Pierce, Cortland,
and Kaneville.
1:00 P. M. Centennial Parade.
3:30 P. M. WLS Artists
7:30 P. M. WLS Artists
11:00 P. M. Drawing for Prizes

**PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE
NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS**

COMPLIMENTS OF

POWDER BOX BEAUTY SALON

MAPLE PARK

PHONE 2441

COMPLIMENTS

MONTGOMERY WARD

FARM STORE : RETAIL STORE

DE KALB —o— ILLINOIS

PHONES—RETAIL STORE—6-3488 FARM STORE—6-3551

READ BROS.

**OLIVER FARMHAND FEEDER BOXES
SALES AND SERVICE**

**807 S. 4th Street
PHONE 6-4703**

DE KALB

Compliments

VIRGIL TAVERN

See Nick and Eddie

SWIFT'S SERVICE STATION

***Gas Oil Standard Oil Products
Automotive Repairs — Batteries — Tires***

Phone Elburn 5111

CORNER OF ROUTE 47 AND ALT. 30

TOWING

REPAIRS

CHUCK'S 66 SERVICE STATION

ASSOCIATE DAVISON MOTOR SALES

Plymouth and Dodge Cars and Trucks

ELBURN

Phone 4861

COMPLIMENTS

BLACKBERRY INN

PAUL and HILDER BOWNE

COMPLIMENTS

JOE'S TAVERN

MAPLE PARK

COMPLIMENTS OF
MAPLE PARK DAIRY BAR

ART AND JOYCE

Phone 2871

COMPLIMENTS OF

BOB'S GULF SERVICE

MAPLE PARK

FIRE — AUTOMOBILE — HAIL
WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION — FARM LIABILITY

LEO SCHRAMER AGENCY
INSURANCE
Real Estate Loans

VIRGIL

Phone Elburn 2117

COMPLIMENTS

FRANK STROBEL GENERAL STORE

VIRGIL

Phone Elburn 3221

Colonial

IT'S
NUTRITIOUS

IT'S
DELICIOUS



ICE CREAM

OBTAINABLE IN ELBURN

CARLSON'S CONFECTIONERY

PIONEER
THE BEST HYBRID SEED CORN
YOU CAN BUY

LEO J. KLEMM

MAPLE PARK

Phone 2961

SNAP-ON TOOLS

JOHN TREADWELL

MAPLE PARK - - - Phone 2581

ELBURN MODERN DAIRY

Pasteurized Dairy Products from Tested Herds

F. N. JOHANSEN & SON

ELBURN - Phone 3191

COMPLIMENTS OF

A. H. SCHUENEMAN, D. D. S.

ELBURN, ILLINOIS

COMPLIMENTS

FRED ANDERSON and SON
GENERAL CONTRACTORS

ELBURN Phones 3894 — 2731

COMPLIMENTS

MAPLE CAFE

HOME COOKED FOOD :- FOUNTAIN SERVICE
MAGAZINES :- DRY CLEANING



THOMAS KENNEDY

MAPLE PARK

Phone 2436



I'LL TELL THE WORLD

WE HAVE
PUBLIC ADDRESS
SYSTEMS
RECORD PLAYERS
TAPE RECORDERS
FOR

FAIRS, PICNICS, PARTIES

CLIFFORD ELLIOTT

330 WEST ELM

SYCAMORE, ILL.

DIAL 3633

COMPLIMENTS

Chas. S. Needham

KANEVILLE, ILLINOIS

KANEVILLE GRAIN & SUPPLY CO.

LUMBER — COAL — FEED — SEED — PAINT
HARDWARE AND BUILDING SUPPLIES

CATTLE FEEDERS!

WE MAKE SELF FEEDERS AND BUNKS
KANEVILLE Phone 4161

TRENCHING

EXCAVATING

JAMES ROWE

ELBURN

Phone 2322

COMPLIMENTS

ELBURN PACKING COMPANY

OF ILLINOIS

HERE'S TO

....A WONDERFUL CENTENNIAL

We ask that you inspect our Merchandise for tops in Quality. We
Feature a line of BRAND NAME MERCHANDISE
for which there is no substitute

V. C. Tobacco Base — FERTILIZER — Swift's Red Steer
Great Heart — COAL — Orient
Teweles "Badger" — SEEDS — Val's Red Heart

HONEGGER'S

HOG AND POULTRY FEEDS

KENT

**CATTLE AND HOG
FEEDS**

WAYNE

**HOG AND POULTRY
FEEDS**

CURTIS C. MILLWORK

Kopper's Creosote — POSTS — Calumet "Gold Top"
Keystone "Red Top" Fence

ROOFING

Bird and Son — Kaiser Aluminum
Rubberoid — Ceco
Zonolite Insulation and Aggregates

MANY OTHER ITEMS

Two Elevators to Handle Your Grain

LET US SERVE YOU

ELBURN CO-OPERATIVE CO.

ELBURN 2511 — 4631

CONGRATULATIONS TO MAPLE PARK

JENSEN'S DE KALB GREENHOUSES

FLOWERS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

East Lincoln Highway—DE KALB

PHONE 6-7151

BEST WISHES TO MAPLE PARK

FROM

REDMER'S TAVERN

The building was put up by Tim Connell in 1898, and at its completion, Mr. Connell established a Tavern. The building and business has changed ownership many times through the years, but has always remained a Tavern. It is now owned and operated by

REDMER'S.

COMPLIMENTS OF

REED'S GROCERY STORE

LILY LAKE, ILLINOIS

DANIELSON INSULATION

"BLOWN-IN" ROCK WOOL

HEAVY INSULATED SIDING

ROOFING—ANY TYPE

ALUMINUM COMBINATION STORM WINDOWS

DOORS AND AWNINGS

PHONES—DeKalb 6-7103 — Sycamore 2-0088

MAPLE PARK OIL CO.

CONOCO PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

RAY HULTHEN, Proprietor



PHONES—2051 - 2061—MAPLE PARK

FARM SERVICE

Gas - Grease - Oil - Fuel Oil

Anti-Freeze - Weed Spray

COMPLIMENTS

BOCKLUND'S BARBER SHOP

CORTLAND

ARISON IMPLEMENT CO.

CASE GEHL NEW IDEA

PHONE 2244

SYCAMORE

CHILTON'S SPORT SHOP

DISTRIBUTOR OF

Wilson and Rawlings Sporting Goods

TEAM OUTFITTERS

TROPHIES AND GUNS

HOBBIES

"Everything in Sports Equipment"

148 NORTH SECOND STREET

DeKalb, Illinois

COMPLIMENTS

DAD'S HARDWARE

FRED W and MATHILDA ARENS

THERIEN and LONG

GUNITE CONTRACTORS

SILO REPAIR



865 VAN STREET

Elgin, Illinois

PHONE ELGIN 1894

IVY TAP

PACKAGE GOODS -:- FOOD -:- MIXED DRINKS

Cortland, Illinois

LIGHTNING ROD INSTALLATIONS

GLENN C. WARNE, Representative

Security Manufacturing and Contracting Co.

ELBURN

-:-

-:-

-:-

PHONE 2571

CORTLAND-DE KALB YARDS

Your Headquarters

GRAIN SALES — FEED — BUILDING MATERIALS — COAL

CORTLAND

Phone DeKalb 6-7431

CORTLAND CORNERS SERVICE STATION

Package Goods Food Mixed Drinks

MIKE AND ELSIE CONWAY

MEET YOUR FRIENDS

at

THE RAINBOW ROOM

FRITZ and HY

116 North Fourth Street — DE KALB

J. HARLING & SON

LIVESTOCK HAULING

*"A Load on Our Truck
Is A Load Off Your Mind"*



MAPLE PARK -- -- Phones 2531 - 2106

Compliments of

CHRISTENSEN'S APPLIANCES

MAPLE PARK - - Phone 2621

COMPLIMENTS

**DUERINGERS SERVICE
REPAIRING**

TRACTOR — LAWN MOWERS — AUTO

MAPLE PARK — — Phone 2247

Compliments
KAHL APPLIANCE SERVICE
Maple Park

COMPLIMENTS
GEM INSURANCE AGENCY
F. W. EMBERSON :~: C. G. CAMPBELL



MAPLE PARK Phone 2311

PRODUCERS SEED CORN
Wm. McAdams
Maple Park

JOHN H. PINGEL and SONS
Trucks — Farm Implements — Tractors
Refrigeration



SALES - - - SERVICE
"GOOD EQUIPMENT MAKES A GOOD FARMER BETTER"
MAPLE PARK Phone 2341

SYCAMORE BOWL
439 West State Street
PHONE 3222—SYCAMORE

**Real Estate and Insurance
For Your Everyday Needs**

ROBERT SPOLUM

MAPLE PARK **Phone 2896**

DO YOU REMEMBER

MAPLE PARK HOTELS:

Austin House, located where John Pingel's store stands.
Butler House, located where Dueringer's garage now stands, faced the Pike.
McMahon House, located on the DeKalb County side, south of St. Mary's Church property.
Transient House, a rooming house across from the present post office building, run by Bill Henry at one time.

THE LIVERY BARN:

The Austin & Crosby Livery, south of the depot, at present an implement storage building. Bill Henry appears to have been the first operator, followed by Chas. Keenan.

The livery and blacksmith shop where Terry's house is located. Started by Austin after selling out the one near the depot. The blacksmith shop run by Henry Pigney. First Fords sold by Wm. Powers in 1911 from here.

The Keefe feed barn and bowling alley which stood on the vacant corner across from the Terry house, run by Bill Hart at one time.

S. K. Truby Harness Shop on Main Street, and every youngster went in to be weighed on the big scales. The building now houses a barber shop. Truby Harness Shop on Main Street of the village for 65 years, previous to 1929. His wife was the daughter of a minister of the Pierce Evangelical Church.

The Wallie Austin building located on Pingel's corner and extending over the vacant lot, known as a hotel. Housed the Kellogg cigar factory upstairs, and Woodman Hall located on upper floor at one time. Large dance floor upstairs, with a special type spring floor, used previous to the building of the Town Hall. The Austins owned this whole block at one time.

YOU'RE GETTING OLD IF YOU REMEMBER

An extremely tall flag pole located on Main Street near the corner of Pingel's store building. Erected at a Centennial celebration in 1876 in memory of the Revolutionary War of 1776.

Ike Herr, former well known DeKalb merchant, started in business in the village. Store building stood between the Clyne house and the Stover house on Main Street. This building was later moved and is presently occupied by the Frank Turk family, south of Main Street.

The meat market operated for many years where Terry's Service Station is located. E. J. Austin in charge, Root & Hoyt also running it, and then the Powers, William and Jim. The changing times of 1900 brought about meat delivery through the country by Powers' market with first deliveries made by team and wagon, and later by Model T Ford.

Gerlach's drug store is now the Dairy Bar.

Fitzgerald dwelling on the corner where Lawson & Pearson's station now stands, with a dwelling upstairs and a saloon in the cellar.

The R. S. Harter house was originally the cheese factory.

The banking institution in operation on corner of Kennebec and Main Street, being the lawn south of the Legion Hall. For many years the vault remained standing after the building was torn down.

GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

The impassable road north of town through the swamp land, before the dredge ditch went through. It is recalled there were three old wooden bridges to take the road over this swamp area. This brings to mind MacMerchee's pond, west side of the road and just north of the ditch.

MacMerchee's pond, where ice was plowed and sawed during the winter. An ice plow was used to mark the ice, then it was sawed and dragged out by horse and wagon, taken to the town ice house and stored in sawdust brought in by box car.

The digging of the dredge drainage ditch north of town, about 1892 or 1893, involved building the machine on the site of the operations northwest of Elburn near the Burlington township line. This early dredge machine was a boat-type affair with derrick and digging shovel built on the front of the boat, and often the boat sank. The dredge machine was built on a pond during a dry season, and then came the rains, and the nearly impossible task of moving the machine.

Gas-less Sundays of World War I.

The Baptist Church where James Moore's house now stands. The old church had a varied history, being used by the Red Cross for a sewing center during World War I, then purchased in July, 1927, by the Legion Post, and later sold by them to James Moore in 1935.

The Grace family. Ed Grace, called Onions, shot at one time for loitering around the Thurston rooming house. Joe Grace, called Drake, known for his travelling and tramping. Tom Grace, called Beauregarde, easily identified by his broken nose and crooked legs.

Lord Henrie, a musician, also known to be a traveller, often told of floating down the Mississippi to the Gulf.

The railroad gates, during the 1920's. Tended by Sam Hoffman, nicknamed "Bullfrog."

Another name recalled by many, Wallace Griffin, a Civil War man and teller of tall tales, musically inclined, often tooting on the fife far into the night.

The Skeet Club, with building and range located west of town just south of the street car tracks. A very active group until World War I, when shells were unobtainable.

Bill Jordan, the drummer, and the musicians associated with him.

The active Woodman organization, with quarters in the Austin Building, later located on second floor of Malone Building (now Dad's), and still later having quarters above the bank. You should recall their annual picnics as great events.

THE VILLAGE OF MAPLE PARK (LODI)

The village of Lodi was platted and laid out March 20, 1854, by Loren Heath and Zachariah Hathorn. The name of Lodi was changed to Maple Park on January 14, 1880. The change was made for the good reason that there were other places of that name, especially in the west, and there was much trouble with letters being missent. The present name was undoubtedly chosen because of the numerous maple groves in and around the area. The first railroad train that ever passed through Maple Park was on the first day of January in 1853. The Chicago and Galena Railroad had contracted to finish their road and run a train over it to Hickory Grove by that time. When they saw that they could not finish the work, they laid the ties over the frozen ground, and moved the train slowly over the track past Maple Park, thus they filled their contract.

Heath and Hathorn, mentioned above, built the first building in the town, this was a store. James Haines built a residence, which was used as a tavern until the National Hotel was erected. In March, 1854, James Watson built a store just outside the village limits on the edge of DeKalb County. In 1854, O. S. and F. T. Miner put up a blacksmith shop, B. W. Lyons a small store in 1855. An Academy was erected by a stock company in 1855. This was sold and later became a schoolhouse. At that time, many of the local people drove their wagons to St. Charles for sawed lumber, where the closest saw mills were located.

Previous to the surveying of Lodi, postoffices had been established in various places around the area, including one about a mile west of the present village, named Line Post Office. This was moved to the store of Heath and Hathorn, and has remained in the village since. Other offices, including Collamer (New Virgil), the Ohio Grove Post Office, and the Maple Grove Post Office were finally incorporated into the present office in Maple Park.

By 1856, the village had prospered and grown until the town could boast a population of 450. Then came the financial crash of 1857. For several years it laid in a dormant condition, from which it was roused to life and activity by the firing of the first shot at Fort Sumter. Many of the young men of the locality rose to their country's aid, these included the builder of the first building in our town. Loren Heath gave his life to his country near Vicksburg in the War between the States. In 1861, business interests revived. A new depot was built; this building was destroyed by fire four years later, only to be replaced by a bigger and more convenient one.

Religion has played a large part in the building of our town. In 1861, the Baptists erected a church and dedicated it in October of that year. This group was started years before in the home of Joshua Read, in the northern part of the township. Mr. Read is said to have conducted the first religious services that were held in Virgil Township. His home continued to be used as the place of worship until the church was built.

The Methodist Episcopal building was put up in 1862, under the leadership of Pastor C. M. Webster, the movement had been started in 1854 as the Lodi Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Loren Heath and Zachariah Hathorn were also instrumental in this.

The Free Methodists also built in our town in 1866. This building is believed to have been moved to Sycamore and in use today as a church.

In 1865 an unsuccessful attempt was made to establish an agricultural implement factory. Mr. G. H. Bunda proved not to have the quali-

cations for success and the building was sold to E. J. Austin, who operated it for a short time, but the venture was doomed.

In 1870 a prosperous carriage factory was started by E. O. Rood, at about the same time a cheese factory was established, this venture proved very successful, the first misfortune to befall this enterprise was a fire in the fall of 1871. This was replaced soon afterward. A creamery was built by the Virgil Butter and Cheese Company, the place opened for business on January 1, 1882; Ira Halwick served as president, and Otho Read, son of Joshua Read, served as secretary and treasurer of this establishment. It fell into disuse in about the 1920's.

The first physician to locate in the village was Dr. J. B. Strong, who arrived on the scene in about 1856. Dr. Wm. Kennedy located in the town in 1857, and stayed until his death in 1862. Dr. Robert McNair took his place, and Dr. J. W. Thompson came in 1875.

The legal profession was first represented in Lodi by W. J. Brown, the son of an early settler in Virgil. Mr. Brown stayed until 1861 when he took part in the war, after which he settled in Geneva. W. H. H. Kennedy started to study under Mr. Brown in 1858; in 1860, he was admitted to the bar. In 1861 Mr. Kennedy started settling the disputes of the locality.

Many attempts were made to incorporate the village, the first of which took place in 1856. When the General Law of the Government of Incorporated Towns was submitted to a vote of the inhabitants, the result had shown a majority in favor of its adoption. City fathers were elected, but many of the citizens declared that the proceedings had been irregular, and after several arrests for breach of village ordinances, the sentiments were so against the village government that it became impossible to enforce its acts. In 1858, an election was held, and the majority of the people declared the proceedings of the elections null and void. It is reported that the rejoicing of the people was great for village government had become generally obnoxious. During the resulting commotion, an anvil burst, breaking and mangling one of Dr. Kennedy's legs, and inflicting a mortal wound upon George Brooks, one of the village boys. Thus the celebration ended in grief. No attempt was made to revive the subject of incorporation for six years, but in 1865 it began to receive general attention, with plenty of opposition. It was overcome honestly, and Lodi became a village, with full power to enforce its laws, on the 11th day of March, 1865, after which the town prospered.

In the early 1900's the town was an enterprising and industrious village. On June 29 of that year, the Board of Trustees passed an ordinance concerning cement sidewalks in the village. The first town well was drilled and pipes were laid for fire protection in 1895. A few years later special permits were granted to persons wishing to hook on to the pipelines for personal use. The well now in use was drilled and put into use in 1947. Also in this year the village calaboose was abandoned. The village hall was built in 1889, after an ordinance was passed and approved by the town fathers. On July 16, 1895, the Chicago Telephone Company entered into a contract with the village board to give the townspeople telephone service. This was changed to the DeKalb-Ogle Telephone Company in 1899.

On December 10, 1910, the village entered into an agreement with the Chicago, Aurora & DeKalb Railroad to furnish the people with transportation. This began with a steam engine and eventually was an electric

railroad and was later succeeded by the Aurora, DeKalb, and Rockford Traction Co. This service was discontinued in the early 1920's.

On September 5, 1924, the village entered into a contract with the Illinois Power Company for street lighting and water pumping; prior to this the water was pumped with a gasoline engine, and the streets were maintained by a village-owned dynamo. Since the lights were out at 11 o'clock, one was home early in those days, especially if the night was dark. In 1924, the name of the company was changed to the Central Illinois Light Company; residential and commercial electricity was then available.

Our town now has a population of about 450 people. There are about 20 different organizations functioning here, including church, scout, and lodge organizations.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY OF LODI, 1878

H. ADAMS, Carpenter and Builder.
R. S. BROWN, & COMPANY, Lumber and Hardware.
MELVIN BEVERLY, Carpenter and Builder.
JOHN CLYNE, General Merchandise.
JOHN GALE, Agricultural Implements.
W. H. H. KENNEDY, Attorney at Law.
CULLEN KEEFE, Livestock, Agricultural Implements, Coal.
LATHROP & SNOW, General Merchandise.
DR. ROBERT McNAIR, Physician and Surgeon.
M. M. ORMSBY, Carpenter and Builder.
SMILEY AND BROWN, Druggists.
SHOOP AND HOYT, General Merchandise.
DR. J. W. THOMPSON, Physician and Surgeon.

U. S. POST OFFICE. . .

Lodi Station, with Zachariah Hathorn as postmaster, March 31, 1854, which appears to be the first official post office.

Located in the store of Heath and Hathorn.

Name of the office changed on February 18, 1880, to Maple Park.

Post office located at one time in the east end of the L. C. Clyne store building.

For many years on the northwest corner of Main Street and Summer, south of the depot, 1905-1943.

Located in Lathrop building, which is Peterson's store.

Located, under Mark Walsh's term, in the building housing Loftus barber shop at one time.

Located, under Black, across the street in part of the Austin building, housing the Howard millinery shop at one time.

Located in part of the Robertson bank building.

Located, under Keefe, in the O'Malley building, then to its present location.

In year 1943, new cement block building built on the southeast corner of Main and Summer, and post office moved to this location, where the office is maintained at the present time.

LOCAL COLOR

The lighted village streets, with kerosene lights atop posts, which needed filling every day, and were lighted nightly by John Pew, the village marshal. Then came gas lights, five or six of them, hanging over the middle of the streets. These had to be pulled down daily and the mantles trimmed. This was followed by the local power plant operated by gas engine and generating power until 11:00 each night, when all lights went out.

In the quiet of the night, things do happen. Such as the moving of the village depot. At the time the second track of the C. N. W. Ry. was laid, the depot needed moving. Suprised villagers discovered one morning that the moving operation had occurred during the night, the depot having been moved about 200 feet east of its original location, and the through street thereby closed.

The Hallowe'en pranks of the village boys are gone but not forgotten. Main street was usually blocked with debris. Remembered is the time a cow was hidden and not found for a week, or the time some farm machinery was hoisted to the top of the railroad water tower, and when a farm wagon was wired high into the cottonwood tree where it dangled for a couple of months.

The community Christmas tree celebrations, originally were outdoor events held at one time on the Keefe lawn, and on Main Street. Still one of the annual affairs for all the young folks, but now held in the school building.

"Hot Dog Perry" remembered as one of the colorful boxers of the 1920's. This being the professional name for Fred Belford, who was in the big-time boxing circuit.

No longer seen are the horse hitching rails along the streets, nor the horse watering trough which stood across from the Terry Service Station.

The political rallies in the village, especially for a presidential election, when the torch marchers using open torches and brass lanterns were a sight to behold. The village band played, and everyone went home with a souvenir cane. It is recalled that in 1896, during W. J. Bryan's "Cross of Gold" campaign, the local Democrats organized a marching club. Wearing long grey ulsters and grey high hats, they marched in torchlight parades all over Northern Illinois, for a lost cause.

Not all ancient history . . . recall the excitement when the first new Streamliner train came through on the C. N. W. Ry. Every youngster laid pennies on the track to have them flattened for souvenirs.

The village jail, or calaboose, was located west of the town hall at one time, about where the present pump house is located. Used as the Polling Place for early elections and the only voting place for the entire township. Each candidate had his own supply of printed ballots and handed them out freely to the people outside the polling place. They then went in and voted, quite often voting more than one ballot. It is said that at one time when the jail was not in great use, a group of villagers with artistic talents wished to rent it for a work shop.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Village of Maple Park has a Volunteer Fire Department made up of men who have devoted many hours of drill and study of fire fighting, along with actual experience in fire fighting.

The community of Maple Park has as modern fire fighting equipment as will be found in any rural community. This consists of two pumpers, one pumper carrying 1000 gallons of water, one portable electric light plant and one respirator. The light plant and respirator were donated to the Maple Park Fire Department by The American Legion of Maple Park.

The Department is manned by a Chief, Assistant Chief, Captain, and Lieutenant. The Department consists of 22 men in all. The Department is adding new and more modern equipment each year.

The Maple Park Volunteer Fire Department was organized May 1, 1934. The present officers are:

HENRY OLESEN, Chief.
LLOYD LAWSON, President.
WILLIAM NEEDHAM, Secretary.

DO YOU REMEMBER

Sheaffer & Pierce ran a grocery on the south side of Main Street in part of the Austin building.

A major moving operation. The Harter store building (now Joe Barsic's) was moved from the north side of Main Street, to its present location. For years, it stood on leased ground.

Jim Thurston, postmaster, with post office in the O'Malley building, across the corner from its present location. Thurston also ran the rooming house east of the post office.

L. C. Clyne, supervisor of Virgil Township for 53 years, well-remembered figure on Main Street. Still remembered with a portrait picture hanging in the Kane County Courthouse at Geneva. Village merchant with store building still in use at corner of Main Street and highway, with the salt house at the north end.

Dolly Bailey, local girl, who went quite a ways in politics. At one time a school teacher in the village, then moving to Batavia, eventually became U. S. District Attorney. Remembered as a speaker at numerous Memorial Day celebrations. First woman to serve as a County officer in Kane County, being Acting Recorder of Kane County at one time.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Early history of the church indicates the first church, called St. Mary's, was erected in 1851 by Rev. W. Feeley, of Elgin, on a slight knoll known as "Barney's Hill," on the Milnamow farm southeast of Maple Park. This church also seemed to be known as the "Hill Church." A subscription or pledge book, still in the Milnamow family, indicates that pledges were taken in January, 1850. It also states, "The acting committee for the erecting of a church on the west prairie: Patrick Keefe, Bernard Milnamow, Michael Egan, James Guerin, Terry O'Brien, and Patrick McKay." Rev. P. O'Dwyer, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, St. Charles, was pastor until 1861, when Lodi was attached to DeKalb as an out-mission. This church was later moved to DeKalb.

A new and larger church was erected in the village of Lodi in 1861, by the Rev. John McMullen. This was a frame building located on the DeKalb County side of the road. The (James) Watson family appears to have been substantial contributors to the construction of the new building. The body of Mrs. Watson was buried under the vestibule of this church.

A rectory was bought by Rev. Hagan, which is the present John I. Treadwell residence, and later sold. In 1902 or 1903, Rev. Hartmann bought the Dan Keegan home to be used as a rectory. This house was located east of the present church. The first resident pastor came to Maple Park in the year 1871 and was the Rev. R. H. McGuire, who stayed one year.

On September 1, 1913, the building of the present brick church and rectory was begun by Rev. Whelan. Mass was read in the commodious chapel attached to the new church, February 15, 1914, and the following Sunday in the church, although pews were not completely installed. The pews were taken from the old church and reused, and the altar of the old church is still in use in the chapel. The old church was torn down later, except for the chapel, which was moved to the cemetery property and became a storehouse. The rectory was sold and became a dwelling in the village.

The Rt. Rev. P. J. Muldoon, D. D., solemnly dedicated the church on June 25, 1914, under the title of St. Mary of the Assumption, attended by the clergymen of the neighboring towns.

Rev. Whelan enlisted in the army at the time of World War I, and left his parish in June, 1918, when Rev. F. S. Porcella succeeded him, coming to Maple Park in July, 1918.

Early records show that John Boyle, son of James Boyle and Elizabeth Burns, was baptized February 14, 1870, with Rev. P. O'Dwyer, pastor. The first marriage in the Maple Park church was that of Martin Nyland and Rose McGlooin, married November 6, 1870, with Rev. O'Dwyer officiating.

Records also indicate that Rev. John Reuland and the Rev. P. J. Quinn of Chicago, were ordained from families of the Maple Park parish.

From the year 1871 when Rev. R. H. McGuire was pastor, the following pastors have served the church: Rev. James Maloney, 1872-1879; Rev. Paul Halbmaier, 1880-1883; Rev. Otto Groenebaum, 1883-1884; Rev. T. O'Sullivan, 1884; Rev. Coughlin, 1884; Rev. W. I. Revis, 1884-1886; Rev. James M. Hagan, 1886-1890; Rev. R. H. McGuire (the first resident rector returned) 1890-1891; Rev. Anthony Royer, 1891-1897; Rev. M. Orth, 1897; Rev. F. J. Hartmann, 1897-1912; Rev. Th. Smith, 1912-1913;

Rev. John H. Whelan, 1913-1918; Rev. F. S. Porcella, 1918-1939; Rev. C. A. Meehan, 1939-1944; Rt. Rev. Msgr. F. J. Conron, 1944, who is still serving as pastor at the time of this writing. The present pastor, Rt. Rev. Msgr. F. J. Conron, was Chancellor of the Rockford Diocese from 1932 until 1944, prior to coming to Maple Park.

At the present time there are about 65 families in the parish, and the church trustees are Adam Wittry and Walter Kennedy.



FIRST STATE BANK

OF MAPLE PARK. . . .



In the year 1891, E. P. Robertson, a New Yorker, who had been one of the first railroad agents here, started a private bank on the northeast corner of Main and Kennebec Streets. At that time there were no requirements under the laws of the State for private banking. Anyone could hang out a shingle. John Brown succeeded Mr. Robertson in the business. At one of the first meetings of the directors of the First State Bank, which followed, a committee was appointed to "confer and arrange for taking over the banking business of J. B. Brown and Company, as may appear for the best interests of the new bank."

In 1902, a petition to organize a bank was sent to the Illinois State Auditor, signed by M. Simons, J. M. Dayton, J. B. Brown, Timothy Connell, and Cullen Keefe. Upon the granting of the petition, twenty-five stockholders subscribed for the stock. Twelve of the stockholders were from Sycamore, and the following from Maple Park: J. B. Brown, L. C. Clyne, T. M. Coffey, Frank Dobson, James Easterbrook, James Fitzgerald, William Halwick, J. C. Keefe, P. F. Kennedy, James Malone, M. Simons, N. J. Snow, and S. K. Truby. None of the original stockholders is living, but, in the Maple Park group, bank stock is still held in the following families who were subscribers to the original bank stock: Clyne, Coffey, Dobson, Easterbrook, Kennedy, Snow, and Truby. The first meeting of the stockholders was held in the Town Hall January 27, 1903, and the following directors were elected: Michael Simons, James Easterbrook, and L. C. Clyne of Maple Park, and J. M. Dayton, H. J. Stark, C. D. Rogers, and Franklin Hall of Sycamore. M. Simons was elected President, and Grant Dayton, cashier. In January, 1904, the first annual stockholders meeting was held in the new bank building. In 1909 a considerable part of the stock owned by the Sycamore men was purchased by the local stockholders.

The total resources of the First State Bank on March 4, 1903, were \$30,000. Fifty years later, on March 4, 1953, the total resources were \$2,467,907. This is a remarkable growth, which mirrors the increased business in the community. The present Board of Directors is Walter A. Butler, C. G. Campbell, Charles F. Clyne, President; Paul Thiel, Vice-President; George C. Dobson, Vice-President. C. G. Campbell is Cashier, and F. W. Emberson, Assistant Cashier.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, ONE HUNDRED YEARS of memory, progress and attainments, now repose in the annals of our Village; and,

WHEREAS, memory brings to view the fine spirit of our pioneer settlers whose efforts are responsible for the sound foundation upon which the generations that followed have built our Village; and

WHEREAS, our progress and attainments are now on parade on this our Centennial; and

WHEREAS, the Maple Park 1954 Centennial Corporation has diligently and laboriously planned and is executing an outstanding program to commemorate the One Hundred Years past.

THEREFORE, I, Glenn R. Kahl, President of the Village of Maple Park, Illinois, do hereby proclaim the days of July 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th, 1954, as Maple Park Centennial Days and earnestly urge all citizens through their cooperative efforts, and in a spirit of reverence to Him who has so bountifully endowed our Community to so conduct themselves in all respects to make these Centennial Days never to be forgotten in the records of our Village.

GLENN R. KAHL,

President.

(SEAL)

Attest: F. D. BUSBY,
Clerk.



KNEELING—LEFT TO RIGHT:

Tom Milnamow—Edwin Turk—Max Redmer—Leo Altepeter—Burton Miller—Elmer Peterson—Robert White—Alvin Sanderson—James Stover—Robert Berkes—James Berkes—Jake Berkes—Fred Berkes—Ray Hulthen—Frank Geisen—George Karch—George Hunt—Elmer Johnson—Julius Bross.

STANDING—LEFT TO RIGHT:

Melvin Johnson—George Rombough—Peter Berringer—Nick Welter—Leonard Schramer—John Pingel—William Redmer—Fred Arens—Francis Schramer—Peter Turk—Chester Dueringer—Lawrence Pingel—Joseph Bomlery—Charles Edwards—John Klemm—Donald Peterson—Glen Kahl—Ray Schultz—Charles Maercker—Tony Signorella—Ellsworth Nace—Allen Harling—Robert Peterson—William Needham—Gregory Mohrlein—Fred Needham—John Neisendorf—Lloyd Lawson—(Front) Harold Miller—(Back) Leo Berringer—E. G. Siebens—John Turk—Glenn Leifheit—William Sanders—Vernon Butler—Leonard Thompson—George Siebens—William Powers—Jerome Willise—Lowell Beck—James McCabe—John Vido.

THANK YOU

WHEN a community undertakes to celebrate its 100th birthday and to commemorate the deeds of those who played a part in its founding and development, nothing is more important than the willingness of public-minded citizens who accept individual responsibility and offer their best in co-operation.

To the many advertisers who have shown their faith in the Centennial Celebration by their financial support, we give our first thanks.

To all the members of committees who served so faithfully in behalf of the Centennial, we wish to say thank you.

We also wish to express our thanks to those people, both near and far, who have helped so much by loaning those mementos of former years that have added so much to our celebration.

It is our hope that through this Centennial Celebration we have received a better understanding of the past years, both of the people of Maple Park, and their problems. May this knowledge help us today, and in the future, to build a better community for the good of all.

COMMITTEES

Chairman: Fred Arens.

Co-Chairmen: Glen Kahl—John Treadwell.

Secretaries: F. W. Emberson—Ronald Peterson.

Finance: John Vida—Frank Busby.

Entertainment: Chairman, Glen Kahl — Burdette Campbell, James Moore, William Powers.

Village History: Mrs. Charles Maercker—T. W. Anderson, Mary Easterbrook, Mrs. Edward Lindgren, Mrs. Floyd H. Stowe.

Parade: Ch. William Powers—Lloyd Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Dueringer.

Grounds and Concessions: Roger Miller—Robert Berkes.

Rides: Mrs. Robert Newton and Girl Scouts.

Electrical Wiring: Glenn Kahl.

Insurance: C. G. Campbell.

Police: Henry Olesen.

Program and History Book: John Treadwell, Mary Easterbrook, Robert Berkes.

Brothers of Bushman: Ray Hulthen—William Sanders, Jr.,—Ronald Peterson.

Belles of the Bushman: Mrs. Norman Beck—Mrs. Frank Powers—Mrs. Charles Edwards.

Car Raffle: John Treadwell—Ellsworth Nace—Barbara Steffes.

Eat Stands: Ch. Mrs. Charles Maercker—Mr. and Mrs. Norman Beck, Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Hannan, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Plapp.

Church Services: Harold Patterson—William Powers.

Souvenirs: Ray Hulthen—Mary Easterbrook—Frank Busby.

Kids' Races: E. A. Kirby.

Kids' Parade: Mrs. Lloyd Lawson—Mrs. E. A. Kirby.

First Aid Station: Henry Olesen—Fred Needham.

Advertising Sales: Robert Berkes—Mrs. Martin Johnson, Joseph Turk—Fred Berkes—Roger Miller.



Who'll press for gold this crowded street,
 A hundred years to come?
 Who'll tread yon church with willing feet
 A hundred years to come?
 Pale, trembling age and firey youth,
 And childhood with its brow of truth,
 The rich and poor, on land and sea,
 Where will the mighty be,
 A hundred years to come?

We all within our graves shall sleep
 A hundred years to come;
 No living soul for us shall weep,
 A hundred years to come.
 But other men our land will till
 And others then our streets will fill,
 And other words will sing as gay,
 And bright the sunshine as today,
 A hundred years to come.

Anonymous.



Baptist Church of '61



DO YOU REMEMBER . . .

The tracks of the C. A. D. railroad running the full length of Main Street. Finally ripped up when railroad ceased operations. Quoted from the "Maple Leaves" of October 25, 1923, "Electric line being taken up through town. The old town is quite torn up at this time by the removal of the old rails and ties of the once prosperous A. & D. electric railroad. The line has been unused for some time, but the rails and trolley wires have been left until now, and the workmen are fast getting them out of the way."

Maple Park's newspaper, "Maple Leaves." First issue on October 25, 1923, published by Geo. S. Flint, editor, scheduled for every Thursday. Inez Snyder was local editor. On display is a copy of this first issue. Item found in the May 1, 1924 issue, 4 lbs. coffee for \$1.00.

The first automobile seen on the streets was a Sears red, high-wheel buggy, driven by Mr. Haile, the mill owner. Early autos were driven only in the summer time, and the wheels had to be jacked up so the tires would not rest on the ground over night.

Harry Butler and Harry Kenyon's cider press. Still in use, but now located on a farm near Elburn.

The rough and rugged baseball history. Some of the old-time players still reminiscing are Floyd Stowe, Bill Sheaffer, Robt. Heustis. Any Maple Park-Elburn game became a major battle, such as the time when tempers flared and bets were heavy on the game at Elburn, with Maple Park winning and stealing the Elburn Woodman goat. A baseball diamond was located at the southeast corner of town on the Patterson farm land (Palmer farm). More recently were the Sunday games with Evar Swanson as Sunday pitcher for the local team, going on to major league play with the Cincinnati Reds.

The slaughter house south of the village, owned by Wm. Powers . . . asparagus bed now located there.

Charlesworth, the blacksmith. . . located where Bill Powers garage building still stands. The early Fords sold by Powers from this corner location, and the 1913 model still in operation by nephew Wm. Powers. They say Lawrence Marvin was the first car dealer, selling R. C. H. cars (Hupmobiles).

Mentioned in the history is the Rood blacksmith and wagon works, which stood on the Walsh property where Lloyd Lawson now lives.

A murder occurred in the Conlin house, which stood between the Lawson house and Petman's house on the north side of town.

The Fire Department hose carts. The north part of the Town Hall kitchen was the fire department barn.

The board walks of the village, and the flagstone walks on the south side of town. They say the flagstones were brought in by dray wagons on their return trips from the Fox River valley towns.

SCHOOLS. . .

There are few records available on the early educational history of the Village of Lodi, now Maple Park. A history of Kane County, published in 1878 says, "In 1855, a fine building was erected by a stock company and designed at first as an Academy, but was finally sold to the District and since used as a school house."

An old abstract of title includes a divorce decree that awarded to the mother of two children, \$2.00 a week for their support, with a court order that they be kept in regular attendance in school in the Village of Lodi. This order was dated 1856, so it is evident that the pioneers established a school at an early date.

The next school building was a two-story structure which stood about where the present kindergarten building is located. It was abandoned and idle for some time, but later purchased by Corrigan, who moved and rebuilt it at its present location, now the dwelling of William Powers.

Another school building was erected at about the same location. An historic event of those days was the complete burning of the two-story school building. The date of this fire has been given as January, 1892. Temporary quarters had to be secured promptly and the Village Hall, which was a new building at the time, was used. School reopened within three days and was equipped with new desks. The school program included eight grades and two years of high school. To qualify as a teacher at that time, three years of high school training were required. Some students went to Geneva for this additional year of training, as was the custom of the times.

Following the fire, another school was soon erected on the same site. Within a few years, the third-year high school program was added to the school course.

A Community High School was established in 1920 with a four-year course. At that time a division of school boards brought about the planning of a new school building. Until this building was completed on September 1, 1922, high school classes were held in the Village Hall for one year, while grade school students continued in the old building until the new building was ready for occupancy. The old frame building was then sold and torn down. After completion of the new brick school, grade school occupied the east half of the building, and high school occupied the west half of the building. Each district having paid for its own part of the school in a joint venture.

At the present time this building is used by the grade and high school students. A large gymnasium was added and opened on January 1, 1941. In 1942, two busses were purchased for the transportation of high school students. In July, 1946, parts of twelve districts were combined in a consolidated grade school district, and the high school district was enlarged. This brought about the closing of a number of rural one-room grade schools.

On July 1, 1948, Maple Park high and grade school districts were consolidated with the schools of Elburn, Sugar Grove, Kaneville and Big Rock, and the new organization is now known as Kaneland Community Unit School District No. 302.

In 1951, one of the country school buildings was moved to the school grounds and a kindergarten was started in this new building.

For 100 years the people of the Village of Lodi, now Maple Park, and the surrounding communities have striven for the betterment of their schools. From a small school structure in 1855 to the present day system, our local school system now consists of a kindergarten building, and a twelve-year grade and high school building, served by approximately twenty teachers, and accommodating 317 students.



Maple Park School of '89



Last Picture of Methodist Church—1905

GRACE METHODIST CHURCH. . . . **MAPLE PARK, ILLINOIS**

ROCK RIVER CONFERENCE JOLIET-DIXON DISTRICT
NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION

In the year 1854 the Lodi Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was formed by a group of loyal settlers, these included the following:

Loren Heath	James Hames	John McKinley
Zachariah Hawthorne	O. S. Hames	John Scott
Andrew Pingree	F. T. Harris	Wm. Kendall
Charles Sheldon	? ? Shattuck	Orson Kendall
Weldon Thornton	Daniel Mello	James Walrod
James Walrod	John Hawthorne	John Beverly
John Simmons	N. Kendall	
Coles Simmons	David McKinley	

"Meeting was called to order, by the pastor, C. M. Webster, in the Chair.

"1. Resolved that we be known as the Lodi Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

"2. Resolved that we elect five trustees who shall hold their office for one year and until their successor is duly elected.

"3. The following persons were duly elected: John Hawthorne, James Walrod, John Simmons, N. Kendall, and John Beverly."

After some years, people felt the need for a church building. On Saturday, December 28, 1861, the Official Board selected Pastor C. M. Webster, James Walrod, and J. W. Bignall as the building committee. The site selected was approximately one block east of the present building. People, then as now, fell to work with great enthusiasm. A group of five young ladies collected funds for a bell, while the men donated their services constructing the building. On June 12, 1862, work was so nearly completed the people decided to dedicate it. The cost of the original structure was \$1047, with nearly all the funds being provided before the dedication services.

In October of 1904, plans were laid for a new building on property given to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Abner Courier. The house was moved from the corner lot to make room for the church; this house is now being used as the parsonage, the cost of this being \$7000. At the time, March 1906, of the dedication, the entire amount had been provided. The ladies of the church again did their part, \$700 toward the building besides buying carpets, furniture for the dining room and kitchen, and the organ. The new location of the church and parsonage proved to be much better than the old one. Jacob Gusler and Charles Harris were the contractors in this venture.

The church has had many ups and downs in the past century, with the people working and donating their time, talents and materials. At times the membership is found to have been as low as 17, and as high as 183.

The old Bible was a gift of Silas Bennet. Later another Bible was presented to the church by Alice Smith, in memory of Emmeline Palmer. The Bible now in use in our church was a gift from Mr. and Mrs. William Sheaffer. Miss Mildred Robertson donated the little red chairs.

The 80th anniversary of the founding of our church was observed on Sunday, April 8, 1934. A booklet was compiled by the minister, the Reverend Lossie E. Morris, assisted by various committees under the general chairmanship of Mrs. Edward C. Lingren.

The afternoon program was highlighted by an original historical sketch. Many events were recalled and discussed and some were enacted. The life of Abner Courier was written and read by Mrs. Lillie Posson. The Reverend Leon Hammett, district superintendent, was present and led in prayer. The address of the afternoon was given by the Reverend Dr. Merle N. English, associate secretary of the Board of Education, and a former minister at Maple Park in 1910.

The evening sermon was given by the Reverend Lossie E. Morris. The choir rendered appropriate music, accompanied by Lucille Posson, church pianist. At the time of the anniversary, Mrs. Nettie Snyder was the Sunday School Superintendent, and president of the Ladies Aid.

At this time, Mrs. Lottie Henrie presented pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Abner Courier; these are still hanging in the church. Mrs. Carl Anderson gave the pictures hanging in our chancel.

In 1939, with the other Methodist Churches, our church joined in the unification of the three Methodist orders. Our church at that time took the name of The Grace Methodist Church of Maple Park; the Ladies Aid and Dorcas Society joined and took the approved name of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The old Epworth League was changed to the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

In 1949 plans were made for a complete redecorating of the interior of the church. A new roof was placed on the building; this was financed by the Official Board. Early in the spring the Womans Society of Christian Service undertook the task of removing the decorative tin and installing celotex blocks in the auditorium; this was done under the committee headed by Mrs. Robert Emberson, Jr., Mrs. Charles Maercker, and Mrs. Jack Harling. Two years later the back Sunday School room and east hall were done. At this time a small washroom was installed. At the present time the basement is still to be done. Miss Evelyn Tierney donated a set of twin boards now used for hymns and Sunday School attendance at the time of the redecorating. Our church was rededicated on Sunday, July 30, 1950. The service was conducted by the Reverend Robert L. Cochran, the pastor at that time.

The Womans Society of Christian Service serves as the parsonage committee. In 1953 it was found that a major redecorating job was needed in that building. They undertook that job and included new bathroom fixtures in the process. The Official Board of the church replaced the old furnace there with an oil burning furnace. The furnace in the church was replaced a few years before by the women of the church.

During these years we have had many pastors who have worked with us. Loyal friends and members have each added their bit to the history of our church through their many fine deeds.

Our church has worked independently and as a joint charge. We joined with Cortland in 1921, with Kaneville in 1932, and again with Cortland in 1940 until the present time.

The Sunday School, as well as the church, has a history of its own. Records of 1912 show the attendance averaged 47, in 1933 the average had reached 73. Our present figures show the enrollment to be 149.

Our present pastor is the Reverend Carl A. Holmgren, who has been with us since July, 1953.

Both the Sunday School and the church have made a marked influence on the Christian life of many of our boys and girls, men and women.

"Every good gift and every perfect gift if from above,
and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom
is now variableness, neither shadow of turning."

James 1:17.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS . . .

Fourth of July, and bicycle racing around the square north of town, after the road had been scraped nice and smooth. Not to be forgotten is the firing of the old park cannon.

How about a bicycle ride to Amboy today, or a ride to Malta and then south to Milan and back to Maple Park in a day. This was a common occurrence in the days of the bicycle for transportation.

Changing times and modern methods have made the threshing machine, separator and threshing crews just a memory.

The Maple Park "Special" on the old C. A. D. railroad.

Playing hooky from the old school by slipping out the back door, putting on the ice skates and skating all the way to Sycamore and back.

SO THEY SAY . . .

A bandstand stood in the village park at one time, used for concerts at picnics held there.

Against the law, but held on many nights . . . the boxing matches. Practice sessions held in the basement of the Butler House hotel, with Amby Butler referee. Recall the village policeman and boxer named Billie Weier. The big match one night at the Chas. Edwards grove (north of town on the County Line road) held between Eben Rowe and Weier. They say Rowe won, or maybe it was a draw, depending on whether you had money bet on it.

Two ice houses stood in the village, one in the far east end of town, and the other one about at the east end of the lumber yards. They tell of the fire occurring at this latter ice house, almost a catastrophe to the town. It occurred at the time the village was debating the issue of installing a waterworks system. The bucket brigade was powerless against the raging fire which spread east along the railroad property to the east crossing. Help was badly needed and a special train came in from West Chicago carrying a steam fire engine and horses to help fight the fire. The seriousness of it and the scare eliminated any opposition to the water system.

Lake Maloney at the northeast edge of town and extending north . . . about where Millie Beverly's property is located, and named for a family living near it. A Sycamore basket maker used to cut the willows and soak them along the edge of the lake until the bark would slip and the willows were then fit for basket weaving.

Rather gruesome, but they say it's true . . . Larry Watson had a number of coffins in his house and always slept in one of them. The Watsons lived on the DeKalb County side just south of the railroad. Larry Watson appeared to be penniless and dressed like a bum, always disappearing before tax time rolled around. He died leaving considerable wealth, including real estate holdings in Chicago.

LeKander, living in the southeast part of town, also slept in his coffin, so they say.

No evidence now, but they say that the Underground Railroad made use of the Snow estate farm house, formerly at the north edge of Maple Park.

Smith's Color factory was the home of the milk factory for many years. Previous to that time, there was an old shed located here for pressing hay with old-fashioned real-life horse-power.

Not too old, when sugar beets were a big farm crop in the early 1930's, and Maple Park was a shipping station. This brings to mind the World War II years and the need to raise hemp in this area.

They say grave-robbing occurred one time in the Ohio Grove cemetery, in the early 1850's. It is mentioned in various old histories available. Medical students from St. Charles robbed this grave causing local people to gather firearms and pursue, and a near-riot occurring in St. Charles, with the death of a member of the Rood family occurring during the uprising.

SO THEY SAY . . .

The First Methodist Church, which stood south of the former Keefe house, is now at the east end of Main Street, used as a barn on the Patterson farm. It was used for many years by Mr. Palmer as a horse sale barn, with the annual horse sale in March bringing in extra trainloads of people.

The Crosby building, now the Maple Cafe. At one time Harry Butler ran a billiard hall here, later had his billiard hall on the second floor of the bank building.

The Town Hall was built in 1888 and dedicated by a Grand Ball with supper. Tickets were \$2.50 per couple, and the Grand March was led by Miss Hannah Keenan (later Mrs. L. C. Clyne) and John Sullivan, later of Elburn, Illinois. The Village Board, to end a controversy on the nature of the celebration, decreed that liquor should never be served in the hall.

Charles W. Hawthorne, a famous portrait painter, was born and lived as a boy in the house now owned by the Crobbes.

At one time a ditch ran where the present sidewalk passes the elevator and had a wooden walk bridge over it.

The railroad water towers in the village. One located about at the east end of the lumber yards, and another one behind the Town Hall. The time the hoops broke loose on the Town Hall water tower and spilled water everywhere. The water tower near the lumber yards had a pump house just west of it with a 90-foot windmill. The braver lads of the village had fun attaching themselves to the blades of the 30-foot wheel atop the windmill, then turning it on and going for a ride. Also past history, the long coal sheds of the railroad which spread east of the water tower blocking the through-street at the Dairy Bar corner.

Mike Simons, hardware and farm machinery business, at the west end of Main Street. He was an extensive buyer of cattle, hogs, sheep, horses and farm crops. Operated an elevator and feed business on the north side; scale house used to be located near the northeast corner of the stockyards and the original elevator building is now a warehouse for Wittry's.

Charles F. Clyne served as a member of the Illinois General Assembly, 1912-1914, and as U. S. District Attorney of the Northern Illinois District, 1914-1922.

Following the Civil War, the first carpenter job of the Kenyon Bros. (Harry Kenyon's father and uncle) was the building of the rectory for the Catholic Church. This frame building was later moved and rebuilt by Tom Burns for his home and stands south and east of the present postoffice.

The Britt Sisters, milliners and dressmakers for the ladies, located where Adam Moser now lives.

YOU'RE GETTING OLD IF YOU REMEMBER

Jim Thurston was the first rural mail carrier, followed by E. J. Austin and Jim Manley. They say the salary was \$550 per year, and furnish your own horse and carriage.

The Chicago, Aurora and DeKalb railroad was to begin operations with a steam engine, which was a rebuilt affair shipped in on the C. N. W., unloaded at the east crossing and moved to the track at Campbell's corner. Difficulties occurred in placing it on the new track and the idea had to be abandoned because of the high cost involved, so the engine was returned to the shop. Spasmodic operations were finally begun with a steam engine, later a gasoline engine, and this was followed by the electric system.

The Oatman Bros. cheese factory on the DeKalb County side, located south of the church property, about where B. F. Milnamow's pasture is, and operated by Paul Thiel's father.

Recall Pabst, the cobbler, whom they say was related to a brewery family in Milwaukee.

Martin Loftus' barber shop, with Biddie Ahlin tending customers and standing on a box to be tall enough. Prices quoted, shave 10 cents, haircut 25 cents. Later Ahlin went into business and stiff competition existed between them.

DO YOU REMEMBER

Who recalls the Tower W holdup. One of the biggest railroad robberies of its time, with the safe in the baggage car dynamited by such a blast that a large quantity of money was mutilated. It is said they managed to get away with about \$50,000, and the local citizens helped retrieve the damaged currency. Believe it happened in October of 1895, and still unsolved. Tower W is a landmark no longer with us.

IT SNOWED DOLLARS

Mark Twain didn't know Maple Park, Illinois. When, in darkly cynical mood, he wrote "The Man That Corrupted Hedleyburg," he gave a gloomy picture of a town poisoned by the greed and dishonesty aroused by a promised largesse from a misnamed "benefactor." Here is your fine, upstanding human race (he seemed to say) scrambling in murderous rivalry for undeserved wealth.

But three years ago a mail sack containing \$30,000 broke open as a train was passing through Maple Park and the contents were scattered abroad. All but \$10 was recovered. And recently a similar accident in the same area sent \$26,000 adrift and aswirl in a snowstorm, so that citizens of Maple Park found \$5, \$10, and \$20 bills floating down on them with the flakes. They set to with a will and recovered the bills from sidewalks, porches, window sills, roofs, vacant lots, and cornfields—with all but \$890 restored to the proper authorities within 24 hours.

Even the missing dollars were believed to have been carried off by the wind rather than by the depravity of what Mark Twain elsewhere denominated, with Calvinistic overtones, "The Damned Human Race." Perhaps they have all been restored by now. At any rate, the whole incident should help to restore the faith of those who believe that human beings in general and Americans in particular are a race of frenzied and unscrupulous dollar chasers.—Christian Science Monitor.

Compliments

LAWRENCE PINGEL

LIMESTONE PHOSPHATE

SAND GRAVEL FILL

MAPLE PARK - - - - Phone 2321

VIRGIL GARAGE and CAFE

GULF GAS -- GULF PRIDE OIL

TIRES AND ACCESSORIES

EXPERT CAR REPAIRS

OPEN 24 HOURS

PHONE ELBURN 3212

KEN and DEADEYE DENSBN, Proprietors

COMPLIMENTS

AL MOLINE

Painting and Decorating

PHONE DE KALB 6-6452

745 South Fourth

Compliments of
ANTHONY KYRAS, M. D.
Elburn, Illinois

COMPLIMENTS
MARK OLSEN
LIVESTOCK DEALER



MAPLE PARK--Phone 2950

COMPLIMENTS OF
SCHMIDT & SON
GENERAL MERCHANDISE
Cortland, Illinois

SHURTLEFF and COMPANY
Headquarters for ALL Your Building Needs
MAPLE PARK **Phone 2511**

COMPLIMENTS
FRED NEEDHAM
"The Village Blacksmith"
MAPLE PARK

BETTER BUILT FARM MACHINERY
MASSEY - HARRIS
Tractors - Combines - Implements
GEHL FORAGE HARVESTERS
Binder Twine - - - Baler Twine
REPAIR SERVICE ON ALL MAKES OF FARM MACHINERY
LESTER CARLSON
LILY LAKE --:-- Phone Elburn 3091

LODI OR MAPLE PARK

IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE WHERE YOU'RE FROM—

ITS BEEN A VILLAGE FOR 100 YEARS

*So HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the
Community and Village of*

MAPLE PARK

FROM

CLAUSEN and HENRIE

YOUR FORD TRACTOR DEALERS OF AURORA
AURORA, ILLINOIS :-: PHONE 29185

IMPLEMENTS CASE FARM MACHINERY

VIRGIL IMPLEMENT CO.

TONY ZIMMER, Proprietor

VIRGIL - - Phone Elburn 3228

COMPLIMENTS OF

LESTER MILLER

Bulldozing

Excavating

CORTLAND

PHONES—SYCAMORE 2-0084 MALTA 2181

FISHER'S CAFE

Elburn :-: Illinois

"The Best of Foods at All Times"

FEATURING

MEADOW GOLD

ICE CREAM

"The Best"

COMPLIMENTS OF

DR. E. C. HANNAN

VETERINARIAN

Maple Park :-: Phone 2451

FRANTZ & SANDERSON

Carpenter Contractors

Cabinets

PHONES 2761 - 2762

KENDALL'S RANCH

Fine Food and Cocktails

On State Route 64

CHARLES CAMPBELL

Painting and Decorating

MAPLE PARK :-: Phone 2707

A. H. WITTRY

GRAIN - GRINDING - COAL

MILL FEEDS

PHONES—KANEVILLE 4133 HINCKLEY 934-4

MAPLE PARK 2301

TROXEL, ILLINOIS

COMPLIMENTS

ACME BRONZE CO.

FOUNDRY

MAPLE PARK :-: :-: Phone 2501

JACK KENYON

Stocker and Feeder Cattle

MAPLE PARK

PHONE 2491

Geo. B. Smith Chemical Works, Inc.

Manufacturers of

FINE DRY COLORS AND CHEMICALS

MAPLE PARK, ILLINOIS

FARMERS—You Might as Well Feed the BEST

MURPHY'S

VIG-O-RAY FOR POULTRY

Cut Cost Concentrates and Minerals for your Livestock

PAUL THIEL

MAPLE PARK

MORE NO. 2 SHELLED CORN
WITH



NORTH CORN BELT SEED GROWERS, Inc.
NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Order from Your Local Dealer

VINCENT A. SCHUH
Virgil, Illinois
Phone Elburn 3223

PAUL HANKES
Sugar Grove
Phone 6235

RENE VERHAEGHE
R. R. Elgin
St. Charles 4035-S2

"THE FARMERS FRIEND"

We Cut to Your Family Needs

Butchering — Curing

ELBURN QUICKFREEZE
ELBURN 3161

HINCKLEY STATE BANK

The Bank of Service
HINCKLEY, ILLINOIS

MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

HINCKLEY HARDWARE

Paints :-: Hardware

Heating and Plumbing

HINCKLEY 21

K. B. NICKELS

REDI-MIX CONCRETE

For Free Estimate—

Phone KANEVILLE 4261

HINCKLEY GRAIN COMPANY

GRAIN - FEED - SEED - COAL

GRINDING - HULLING

HINCKLEY

Phone Hinckley 2

COMPLIMENTS

AL'S PLACE

HINCKLEY

COMPLIMENTS

HINCKLEY QUALITY HATCHERY

HOME OF
GRIMM'S EGG-RECORD BRED CHICKS

HINCKLEY

PHONE 1

COMPLIMENTS OF

**Elburn Hardware, Plumbing
and Heating Company**

FRED E. GOETZ

ELBURN Phone 2791

COMPLIMENTS OF

OSCAR PETERSON & SON

QUALITY GROCERIES and MEAT

MAPLE PARK

Phone 2681

MARTIN'S BARBER SHOP

HOURS—1:00 P. M. TO 9:00 P. M.

THURSDAY—9:00 TO 12:00

ELBURN :—: :—: PHONE 3551

COMPLIMENTS OF

CONLEY FUNERAL HOME

Sincerity in Service for over 30 Years

Prompt, Efficient Ambulance Service

FULLY EQUIPPED WITH
OXYGEN, SPLINTS, FIRST AID SUPPLIES AND
NECESSARY EQUIPMENT FOR TWO RECLINING PATIENTS

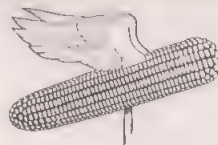
PHONE ELBURN 3511 COLLECT

Long Distance Service Through
DIETRICH AIR AMBULANCE COMPANY

We also have Hospital Beds, Mattresses and **Oxygen Therapy
Equipment* for Bedside Use on a Rental Basis.

PHONE ELBURN 3511 COLLECT

**Requires your Doctor's Prescription or Permission
(Except for Emergency Use)



"DE KALB"

The Corn the Farmers Like

JAKE BERKES

MAPLE PARK

Phone 2216

Another Fine Product



Compliments

SANDERS BARBER SHOP

Maple Park

**Quality Merchandise at
Variety Store Prices**

ELBURN 5c to \$1 STORE

CHARLES STARR, Owner

ELBURN 2631

C. F. LIPPE, Jeweler

"Gifts That Last"

RADIO AND TV SERVICE

JEWELRY AND WATCHES—WATCH AND CLOCK REPAIR

ELBURN—Phone 4251

LEADER OIL COMPANY

Roy W. Smith - Ross Niebergall

Herman Carls

Ernest C. Carls - Troy Holt

**Wish to Congratulate Maple Park on Its
100TH ANNIVERSARY**

SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS

Phone 2176

COMPLIMENTS

W. E. MORRIS STORE

ELBURN, ILLINOIS

PHONE 2251

COMPLIMENTS

DAVIS MODERN BARBER SHOP

YOUR TRADE APPRECIATED

ELBURN -:- Phone 4711

Compliments of

PAUL SAUBER

SHOES AND RUBBERS — GROCERIES — WORK CLOTHES

ECONOMY GROCERY

C. M. SMITH, Proprietor

ELBURN

PHONE 3171

Compliments

2ND INNING

Francis Tierney

ELBURN FEED MILL

Grinding—Hulling—Cracking—Feed Mixing—Rolling

Murphy Feeds—Leland Hatchery Chicks

ELBURN

Elburn 4621

Compliments

FRANK GEISEN

Virgil, Illinois

"WLBK IS PART OF OUR DAILY LIVING"

Many rural and town folks of DeKalb, Kane and other Northern Illinois counties have told us how strongly they feel that WLBK is their own home radio station and that the many local programs offered have become part of their daily living.

Here are just a few of the programs in great favor:

Farm Reporter Time—6:15 to 7:00 A. M. and **Farm Roundup** 12:30 to 1:00 P. M., with Chicago livestock and local grain quotations, local weather forecasts, interviews with farm advisers and lots of local farm news.

News-On-The-Hour—Every hour from 7:00 A. M. to 6:00 P. M., with all the available local news of the DeKalb area—news that you can hear on no other station.

Uncle Bob's Happy Birthday Club—7:45 to 8:00 A. M., with Uncle Bob Brown, Squawky, Little Gertrude, Hank the Parrot, excellent recordings for boys and girls and the reading of "Happy Birthdays" of many youngsters.

Also

Arm Chair Disc Jockey—9:05 A. M.; **Pleasant Varieties**—10:05 A. M.; **Trading Post**—10:45 A. M.; **Day-By-Day Philosophy**—11:30 A. M.; **Main Street DeKalb**—12:15 P. M.; **Town Crier and News from the Nursery** at 1:15 P. M.; a great variety of tuneful recorded music by the world's best artists every afternoon, plus the **Red Skelton Show** at 5:30 P. M., too.

Listen to Your Friendly Community Station All Day Long

"1360"

— W L B K —

"1360"

G. R. JOHNSON CO., Inc.

MM - NEW IDEA - PAPEC - NEW HOLLAND - DELAVAL

GOODYEAR TIRES

FARM EQUIPMENT

Sales



Service

TELEPHONE 3351

ELBURN, ILLINOIS

COUNTRYSIDE

By MYRL G. NEW

Some folks there are who crave the city crowd,
And thrive amid the traffic tumult loud;
They live and work where trains and subways roar,
And of their fate will ask for little more.
But you and I would stifle in the maze—
Would long for country skies and quiet days;
No pressure on us as the twilight falls
Just rest from work when sleepy robin calls.
So walk with me along the rustic way,
Among the pleasant things of every day.

COMPLIMENTS OF

KANE COUNTY BANK and TRUST CO.

ELBURN, ILLINOIS

MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

AND

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

TELEVISION

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

RADIO

GREENSIDE RADIO

KANEVILLE

Phone 4521

FARLEY IMPLEMENT STORE

**J. I. CASE FARM MACHINERY
SALES - SERVICE - PARTS**

*See the New Forage Feeder Self Unloading
and Mixing Wagon on Display Now*

KANEVILLE

Phone 4541

LAWSON and PEARSON

CONOCO

GOODYEAR TIRES



PRODUCTS

DELCO BATTERIES

MAPLE PARK - - - Phone 2601

POWERS

GROCERY AND MARKET

IN CONTINUOUS BUSINESS ON

MAIN STREET FOR 60 YEARS

1894 - 1954

MAPLE PARK -:- -:- Phone 2561

IF YOUR GARMENTS ARE NOT BECOMING TO YOU
THEY SHOULD BE COMING TO US

SYCAMORE CLEANERS

FLOYD C. SIBLEY, Owner

450 DE KALB AVENUE

SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS

KANE COUNTY SERVICE CO.

FOR BETTER FARMING

25 Years of Service

Telephone 2171



ELBURN, ILLINOIS

PETROLEUM PRODUCTS — BLUE SEAL FEED
GROW PLANT FOODS — PRODUCERS SEEDS

GLIDDON'S DRUG STORE

ALMER T. GLIDDON, R. Ph.

ELBURN—Phone 4151

"Try the Drug Store First"

GIFTS OF ALL KINDS

COMPLIMENTS

PAUL NASH

ELBURN



FIRST STATE BANK of MAPLE PARK

MAPLE PARK, ILLINOIS

MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE
CORPORATION

ESTABLISHED IN 1903

